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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the first action on the merits, please make the following amendments.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 29-48, without prejudice.

49. (New) A method of assembling a motor shaft with a motor component, the
method comprising the steps of:

providing a motor shaft having a first end with a first surface geometry comprising a
non-circular cross section;

installing a fan impeller onto the motor shaft proximate the first end of the motor
shaft;

engaging a shaft extension comprising a first end having a second surface geometry
comprising a non-circular cross section with the first surface geometry of the first end of the
motor shaft; and

[installing a second end of the shaft extension into a lower assembly.

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